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BLM Seeks Public Comment on Draft Moab Master Leasing Plan

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Public is encouraged to participate in the planning process

Moab, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Moab Field Office is seeking public comment on a Master Leasing Plan (MLP), draft amendments to the Moab and Monticello Resource Management Plans (RMPs), and a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The MLP considers new leasing of oil and gas and potash on about 785,000 acres of public lands within the planning area.

The MLP, Draft RMP Amendments, and Draft EIS are available online for public review at:

http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/MLP.html

Copies of the MLP, Draft RMP Amendments, and Draft EIS are available for public inspection at the Grand County (257 East Center St., Moab, Utah 84532), San Juan County (80 North Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535), and Salt Lake City (Reading Room, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111) public libraries. Copies are also available for inspection at the following BLM locations:

Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532 Monticello Field Office, 365 North Main St., Monticello, Utah 84535 Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

The BLM recognizes the importance and value of the public's input during the planning process and encourages citizens who have an interest in the public lands in the planning area to provide their comments. The 90-day public comment period for the MLP, Draft RMP Amendments, and Draft EIS begins Aug. 21, 2015 and closes Nov. 23, 2015. The public is also invited to comment at open-house meetings to be held at the following locations:

Sept. 23, 2015: 4 to 7 p.m., Grand Center, 182 North 500 West, Moab, Utah 54532

Sept. 24, 2015: 4 to 6 p.m., Monticello Public Library, 80 North Main St. Monticello, Utah, 84535

Oct. 6, 2015: 4 to 7 p.m., Salt Lake City Main Library, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Written comments will be accepted by letter or email until Nov. 23, 2015. Please note that the most useful comments are those that contain new technical or scientific information relevant to the proposed

action. Comments should be as specific as possible. Comments which contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process. Please reference "Moab MLP" when submitting comments.

Written comments may be mailed or emailed using the following:

Mail

Bureau of Land Management Canyon Country District Office Attn: MLP Comments 82 East Dogwood Moab, Utah 84532

Email

blm_ut_mb_mlpcomments@blm.gov

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional project-specific information, please contact Brent Northrup at (435) 259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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